

2008

# DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

of

Merrill Cook

(Print name exactly as it is to be printed on the official ballot. No amendments or modifications after March 17, 2008)

For the office of United States Representative for the 2nd Congressional District

STATE OF UTAH

County of Salt Lake } ss.

I, Merrill Cook, declare my intention of becoming a candidate for the office of United States Representative for the 2nd Congressional District as a candidate for the Republican party. I do solemnly swear that: I will meet the qualifications to hold the office, both legally and constitutionally, if selected; I reside at

631 16th Avenue in the City of or Town of, Salt Lake City, Utah, Zip Code 84103, Phone No. 801-323-0135; I will not knowingly violate any law governing campaigns and elections. The mailing address that I designate for receiving official election notices is

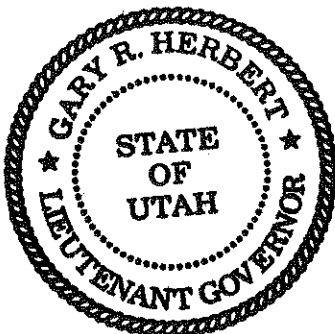
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84103

cook506@msn.com www.merrillcookforcongress.com  
E-mail address Website

Merrill Cook  
Signature of Candidate (Must be signed in the presence of the filing officer)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3-7-08  
(month/day/year)

[Signature]  
(Officer qualified to administer oaths)



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Gary R. Herbert  
Lieutenant Governor

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## STATE OF UTAH

### PLEDGE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

(UCA § 20A-9-206)

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play which every candidate for public office in the State of Utah has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their right to a free election, and that the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

#### THEREFORE:

**I SHALL** conduct my campaign openly and publicly, discussing the issues as I see them, presenting my record and policies with sincerity and frankness, and criticizing, without fear or favor, the record and policies of my opponents that I believe merit criticism.

**I SHALL NOT** use nor shall I permit the use of scurrilous attacks on any candidate or the candidate's immediate family. I shall not participate in or nor shall I permit the use of defamation, libel, or slander against any candidate or the candidate's immediate family. I shall not participate in nor shall I permit the use of any other criticism of any candidate or the candidate's immediate family that I do not believe to be truthful, provable, and relevant to my campaign.

**I SHALL NOT** use nor shall I permit the use of any practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections, or that hinders or prevents the free expression of the will of the voters, including practices intended to hinder or prevent any eligible person from registering to vote or voting.

**I SHALL NOT** coerce election help or campaign contributions for myself or for any other candidate from my employees or volunteers.

**I SHALL** immediately and publicly repudiate support deriving from any individual or group which resorts, on behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of an opponent, to methods in violation of the letter or spirit of this pledge. I shall accept responsibility to take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this pledge or the laws governing elections.

**I SHALL** defend and uphold the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Utah, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

Name: Merrill Cook Office: U.S. Congress 2nd District

Signature:  Date: March 7, 2008

\*This is a voluntary pledge. Candidates are not required to sign this pledge of fair campaign practices.

\*This document is considered a public record and will be retained for public inspection until 30 days following the election.